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*To MGRS
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Re: REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 27, 1982

Dear Don:

The summer pot room problems finally caught up with us last week. We had to use from a silo with very fine ore. This caused severe dusting on work breaks, as well as mucky pots. It all has to do with the thermal balance and we are finally back on track. Since we have narrowed the operating range, it doesn't take much to challenge the computer and keep us alert. We dropped load to correct the overheating.

This week we got BPA's news about the rate increase. Its magnitude has certainly given us cause for alarm. We are getting all the information input to the media and BPA. I hope that it might get the attention it deserves.

Bill Lutes and Dick Park were here during the week to give the wage summary data gathered for the purpose of trying to get relief on future COLA and wage increases scheduled for September 15. There were some interesting information exchanges but I'm not sure of the proposal's effect. It appears to the Union that they are being asked to make all the concessions. They feel that more salaried should be off our payroll before they would consider it.

Our capital budget is completed and on its way and our budget review is scheduled for September 16. I will be talking to you on how you wish to have things presented, since it appears there are two hours to do it all.

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We are swamped with alumina in cars right now. Burlington Northern continues to bunch cars so we have about 70 cars waiting to unload, with "no room at the inn." This not making aluminum is also costly. We are going to review and see if we can change our load out over in Everett, Washington to see if we can relieve this problem.


This week there are BPA meetings; we are having a customer call from Amalgamet; and Senator Melcher is in town to hold various types of breakfasts and hearings. Jack Canavan is working with the Union and the media on a P.R. effort to emphasize our plight.

We are having three people visit Martin Marietta at The Dalles to get an overview of their MLI installation. Our report from MLI should be here within three weeks.

I presented the ARCO Metals organization to the staff. The first steps you all made were impressive.

I hope your vacation was enjoyable.

Sincerely,



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